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### **Indiana Hib Vaccine Supply Update**

#### **ActHIB**

Limited supplies of sanofi pasteur's ActHIB vaccine are available from the Indiana Immunization Program. CDC has provided Indiana with a reduced allocation of ActHIB vaccine and has requested that State Immunization Programs spread their ActHIB order submissions evenly throughout the month due to sanofi pasteur's ability to manufacture and ship the vaccine. Providers should be prepared to receive reduced shipments of ActHIB vaccine orders each month during this shortage. It is not known when ActHIB vaccine availability will be increased or returned to pre-vaccine recall levels.

#### **TriHibit (DTaP-HIB)**

CDC has announced that sanofi pasteur has depleted all remaining inventory of their TriHibit (DTaP-HIB) vaccine. Sanofi pasteur has indicated that they will not resume manufacture of this product until the current HIB vaccine shortage is resolved. Effective January 31, 2008, the Indiana Immunization Program will not accept orders for TriHibit vaccine until further notice.

### **Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting**

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is a national vaccine safety surveillance program co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). VAERS encourages the reporting of any clinically significant adverse event that occurs after the administration of any vaccine licensed in the United States. Clinically significant adverse events should be reported even if it is uncertain that the event was caused by vaccine. Reported events range from mild (i.e. fever) to death. A table of reportable events is available at <http://vaers.hhs.gov/pubs.htm>; but events not listed on this table also should be reported if they could be related to vaccine. VAERS reports may be submitted by anyone, including vaccine manufacturers, health care providers, and parents/guardians.

For more information about VAERS, or to file a VAERS report, please visit the VAERS web site at <http://vaers.hhs.gov>. For questions concerning vaccine adverse event reporting please contact the Immunization Program's VAERS Coordinator at 317-233-8857.

## **New Multi-Vaccine Vaccine Information Statement**

A multi-vaccine Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) has been added to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, and may now be downloaded. It covers routine birth-6 month vaccines (not influenza), and may be used whenever any combination of DTaP, Hib, IPV, HepB, PCV & rotavirus are administered during the same visit. It is an optional alternative to the individual VIS, which may still be used.

The new Multi-Vaccine VIS is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>

## **Get Published**

Do you believe that your Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) has found a solution that other programs could use? Have you located a resource that you think other programs should know about? If so, please submit an article to Robert Bruce Scott, Immunization Health Education Coordinator, at [rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov) for possible publication in the Vaccine E-Letter.

Submissions will be archived for consideration and printed as space permits. We strive to keep the E-Letter short and to the point, so we request that submissions be no longer than one page, single-spaced, Times New Roman font size 12.

## **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at: [Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.